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1. A long-distance bus service is running between Tientsin and Tsinan, and takes 1½ days to complete the trip.
2. Passengers are searched more than ten times at different points between Tientsin and Tsanghsien (116-52, 38-19). At these points -- which are operated by women and youths -- civilian identity cards are confiscated, and any US currency or gold found on the passengers is forcibly exchanged for People's Bank dollars (the Chinese Communist currency) at the official rate. There are no check points south of Tsanghsien.
3. Trains between Tsinan and Weihsien (119-07, 36-43) run only at night. A truck service is in operation between Weihsien and Kuhsien (120-15, 36-44).
4. There are two trains a day, round-trip, between Tsinan and the Fangtzu (120-15, 36-44) coal mines. The trains average twenty trucks (sic) and passengers sit on the coal.
5. The Tientsin-Peiping railway is running as usual.
6. It is possible to travel from Tientsin to Harbin by rail.

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